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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Information Requirements Staff, DDI

THROUGH : Assistant Deputy Director for
Science and Technology

SUBJECT : Update of DCID 1/2, "U. S. Intelligence
Objectives and Priorities"

REFERENCE : USIB-D-5, 1/18, 18 July 1972

1. FMSAC's use of DCID 1/2 at the production level has been limited to the preparation of planning submissions to the annual Agency Program Call and for the formulation of ongoing evaluation efforts. In an indirect manner, our daily analytic efforts follow the priorities set forth in DCID 1/2. However, we would have formulated our production efforts in generally the same way if the DCID did not exist. In general, DCID 1/2 has little impact at the division level or lower.

2. DCID 1/2 has been of considerable value to FMSAC because of our interface with many collection-related activities. Principal use of the document has been by Chief, Signal Analysis Division (SAD), the individual most directly concerned with the SIGINT sensors under consideration over the past few months. He uses DCID 1/2 as a general guide in his participation in the community-wide formulation of tasking for various SIGINT sensors, including both overhead and conventional. For example, Section B was used extensively in the discussions related to new collection guidance for [redacted] Processing priorities for telemetry which are provided to the National Security Agency (NSA) are often based on decisions in which DCID 1/2 was used.

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3. We do not see DCID 1/2 in its present form as a real guide for planning and programming U. S. intelligence efforts over a five year period. It is really a listing of current objectives and priorities. On the other hand, an Office of National Estimates paper entitled "World Trends and Conditions in the 1970s," does present a well balanced estimate of the outlook for the future. We believe that the directive would be improved if it were based on a finished version of the ONE World Trends and Conditions paper. We also believe that, in some cases, the definitions of line items in Section A are too brief. More specific definitions seem warranted.

4. No changes in objectives or priorities are needed now. SALT may change our priorities and objectives somewhat if there are agreements or qualitative (either permitted or prohibited) improvements. There would then be a need to concentrate on verifying compliance with, or violation of, specific terms of a treaty. The effect on objectives and priorities cannot be predicted, however, without some knowledge of the type of agreement.

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